

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 6, 2003

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Willie E. Hampton (ABS)
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez
Edgar L. Vann, Jr. (ABS)
Megan P. Norris

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Walter Shoulders
AC Harold Cureton
DC Fred Campbell
DC Cara Best
DC Gary Christian
DC Ronald Haddad
Cmdr. Willie Burden
Insp. Marilyn Hall-Beard
Insp. Benjamin Lee
Insp. Morris Wells
Lt. Marshall Lyons
Lt. R. Nolan
Sgt. Shirley Berger
Sgt. Ingrid Smiley
Sgt. Brenda Gold
Sgt. S. Hall
Sgt. Clements
Sgt. Mizel
Sgt. Julian
Sgt. Cunningham
PO W. Huggins
PO Eric Jarmons
PO Irvette Reed
Dir. Elise Scott
Civ. Kim Harris
Civ. Jackie Swain
Atty. Nancy Ninowski

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director

Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supv. Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Stephan Thompson, Sr. Police Commission Investigator
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Felicia Hardaway
Kellie Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Walters
Phillip Cracchiolo
Marie Thornton
Ron Scott
Rick Jones
Gloria Canales
Bernice Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

ViceChairperson Blackwell called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:11 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **Thursday, October 30, 2003**

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to adopt the Minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

October 28, 2003

Board of Police Commissioners
1300 Beaubien
Room 328

Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

Dear Board Members:

To ensure that the Senior Leadership Team of the Detroit Police Department functions at full capacity, when a vacancy or expected vacancy occurred. I immediately began an assessment of the candidates for the positions of Deputy Chief, Commander and Inspector. The Detroit Police Department has embarked upon a process to build a world-class police department and restore the credibility and prominence that our department once had with our citizens.

Therefore, I am submitting the following for executive appointments effective Monday, November 3, 2003:

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF

Commander Willie Burden, Jr., was appointed to the Detroit Police department on July 8, 1968. As a police officer, he was assigned to the Mounted Bureau, Recruiting Unit, Narcotics Bureau, Commissioners Special Police Detail, Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy and the Office of the Chief of Police.

He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in May 1977. As a sergeant he served at the 10th Precinct - Patrol Operations Section, 10th Precinct – Investigative Operations Section and the Internal Affairs Section.

Promoted to Lieutenant in May 1998, he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Residency Section, 10th Precinct – Patrol Operations Section and Narcotics Bureau.

In August 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Inspector. He was assigned as the Patrol Inspector at the 3rd Precinct and the Commanding Officer of the Gaming Administration Section.

In July 2002, Inspector Burden was promoted to his current rank of Commander where is currently in charge of the First Precinct.

Commander Burden is a graduate of the June 2000 Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command, a graduate of the American Paralegal Institute, and the Equal Opportunity Management Institute. He earned his Associates Degree from Wayne County Community College and his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Detroit in 1988.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the

Executive Appointment.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF COMMANDER

Inspector Vivian Y. Talbert was appointed to the Detroit Police department on February 23, 1975. Upon completion of training at the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, she was assigned to the 15th Precinct (presently the 9th) as a patrol officer. She was appointed to the rank of Investigator in June 1985 and was assigned to the 13th Precinct Investigative Operations Section.

Inspector Talbert was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in January 1986 and was subsequently assigned to the following commands: 7th Precinct, where she performed as the unit supervisor and community relations sergeant; Records and Identification Section; the Analysis and Planning Division as the Administrative Sergeant; the 8th Precinct – Investigative Operations Section as a patrol supervisor and power-shift supervisor.

Inspector Talbert was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant in February 1994. As a lieutenant she has served at the 7th Precinct as a patrol supervisor, 13th Precinct as the executive lieutenant, 9th Precinct as the executive lieutenant, Western Operations Bureau as the staff lieutenant, 10th Precinct – Investigative Operations Unit as the Commanding Officer, Eastern Operations bureau as the staff lieutenant and the Office of the Assistant Chief – Operations Portfolio as the staff lieutenant.

She was promoted to her current rank of Inspector in June 2002 and is currently the Commanding Officer of the Records and Identification Section.

Inspector Talbert is in her final year at Wayne State University, where she is seeking a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She is a 1996 graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police Staff and Command.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

APPOINTMENT TO THE RANK OF INSPECTOR

Lieutenant Marshall Lyons was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 19, 1977. Upon completion of the Detroit Police Academy, he was assigned to the Sixteenth Precinct Patrol Operations Section where he remained until September of 1980.

Following this initial assignment, Lieutenant Lyons worked at the Tactical Services Section, the Tenth Precinct, and the Commercial Auto Theft Section. In 1986, he was promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Thirteenth Precinct Investigator Operations Section where he assumed the duties of a field investigator.

In 1994, Lieutenant Lyons was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Eighth Precinct where he performed the duties of a uniformed patrol supervisor. In 1995, Lieutenant Lyons was transferred to the Carjacking Task Force where he performed investigative duties. In 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assumed the duties of Office in Charge of the Carjacking Task Force. In 2000, Lieutenant Lyons was transferred to the Violent Crime Task Force where he has remained to the present as the Officer in Charge of this highly publicized unit.

Lieutenant Lyons earned an Associates of Arts Degree in law enforcement from Highland Park Community College, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in criminal justice from Wayne State University. Lieutenant Lyons is currently in the process of completing his Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Technology from Eastern Michigan University. Lieutenant Lyons is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris made the motion to approve the Executive Appointment.

SECOND: Commissioner Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

From the information presented it is obvious that the above candidates are innovative and proven leaders. To that end, I am asking your concurrence in these executive appointments.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/ELLA M. BULLY-CUMMINGS
Chief of Police

EBC/jss

4. SECRETARY REPORT – EX. DIR. GOSS

Office Closing

The Board of Police Commissioners Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, in observance of Veteran's Day. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, November 12, 2003.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Weekly Count of Complaints:	26	1,106
Weekly Count of Allegations:	55	2,386
Arrest	0	98
Demeanor	21	677
Entry	0	48
Force	10	210
Harassment	1	83
Procedure	18	867
Property	2	123
Search	0	90
Service	3	189

Pending Cases

As of November 5, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **672 pending cases**, which include **145 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **44 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **96 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **144 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **140 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, **91 cases** with an age of 7-9 months, and **12 cases** with an age of 10-12 months.

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During the past week:	24	Year to Date:	945
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5. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she wanted to give the Commissioners an update on the officer that was wounded the other night from the Ninth Precinct. He has been released from the hospital and he is resting. As I indicated to the media yesterday, we are very fortunate that he is still with us because he was shot three times. We do have a person in custody and a warrant has been signed. I just wanted everyone to know that the officer is doing fine.

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of October 1st -7th, 2003.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

On October 2, 2003, members of SRT provided a tactical/dignitary protection detail at the Marriott Hotel, for Director of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge. This effort was designed to afford the Secret Service an additional resource capable of a quick, organized, rapid response with highly trained tactical personnel.

SIXTH PRECINCT

On October 5, 2003, officers of the Sixth Precinct received a police run to the 13500 block of Evergreen, "Investigate person shot at the location". Upon arrival at the location the officers got no response at the location. However, information was obtained from Medics to respond to 14000 block of Crescent on a shooting. The officers responded to the location on Crescent and spoke with a male who stated he witnessed his step-daughter being shot. As a result of the officers' quick response, the wanted subject was arrested for murder and conveyed to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

THIRTEENTH PRECINCT

On October 2, 2003, officers of the Thirteenth Precinct set up surveillance in the area of Park and Temple regarding a narcotics complaint. The officers observed three suspicious suspects in the vicinity. Several unknown males approached suspect #2 with money in hand, while suspect #1 reached into a tree and grabbed suspected narcotics and handed it to

the buyers. Suspect #3 was also observed selling suspected narcotics to several people. The officers arrested all three suspects without incident "Possession With Intent to Deliver Cocaine" and recovered the suspected narcotics.

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. PRESENTATION – CONSENT DECREE COMPLIANCE

Comm. Megan P. Norris gave the following PowerPoint presentation:

(See Attached)

Questions and Answers

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked is that an indication of more personnel?

Comm. Norris stated yes, how many and what we are going to do.

Comm. Ramirez asked as far as the audit they when we receive complaints and once the disposition is dated should everything should be sent to the Chief of Police?

Comm. Norris stated right; all of this information will have to go to C.R.I.B.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked the data still has to be inputted?

Comm. Norris stated if I want to put questions 1-14 of the questionnaire, I could just cut and paste instead of retyping it over.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell asked is it like a template?

Comm. Norris stated yes.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated there is still the issue of being able to give investigators more time to investigate the case and they have to close them in a certain period of time.

Comm. Norris stated that is right.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated in regards to hiring more people, from my understanding we don't have the money? Maybe you guys have found some money.

Comm. Norris stated no we have not found any money. We proposed is we

start by changing how we investigate these things by looking at the numbers. I anticipate that additional staff will be required.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated the police department will implement the policy.

Comm. Norris stated hopefully there will fewer (inaudible) to complaint.

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated this is a very thorough presentation.

Comm. Ramirez asked how long do they keep the videotapes?

Comm. Norris stated 90 days.

Comm. Ramirez asked what about the videos at the front desk, is it 30 days?

Comm. Norris stated yes.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kim Harris voiced her complaint in regards to the 911 operators that work the midnight shift who have to park their cars in a dark parking lot and they have their cars ticketed before 8:00 a.m.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated we are working on that. The problem is where. The police department never owned the mud lot. I will have it looked into and have them get in contact with you.

Dir. Bryant-Weekes stated I addressed the issue of the light and I have been in contact with Public Lighting and I thought it would be fixed by now, but I will check into it again.

Marie Thornton asked are you going to reinstate John Bennett since we have a new Chief of Police? She also asked are prisoners getting mayonnaise on their sandwiches? Are special meals made for prisoners that are diabetic?

Chief Bully-Cummings stated we have meals that we provide to people that are detained and the mayonnaise and mustard are in separate packages. The prisoners receive a sandwich gram crackers and I believe a juice, we also have a vegetarian and then we have a separate meal that we provide to prisoners

who are diabetic.

Marie Thornton asked does Chief Oliver still have a police car that he gets gas for at taxpayers expense?

Vice Chairperson Blackwell stated I don't know the answer to that.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated I can't answer that because the appointment of Chief of Police is by the Mayor and I am not familiar with any information concerning that.

Ron Scott stated the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality have filed a motion to intervene because our concern is that all of the stakeholders are not at the table.

Comm. Norris stated I do know that different consent decrees have different provisions in them regarding the roles of citizens and it depends a lot of what is at issue.

Rev. David Murray congratulated Chief Bully-Cummings on being the new Chief of Police.

Bernice Smith congratulated Chief Bully Cummings on her new position.

Phillip Craccioholo congratulated Chief Bully Cummings on her new position. He asked how many unsettled cases are there?

Exec. Dir. Goss stated there are 672 pending cases.

Phillip Craccioholo requested the names of people that have unsettled cases with the Office of the Chief Investigator.

Comm. Norris stated they are confidential complaints and we can't give their names out.

Ms. Walters congratulated Chief Bully Cummings on her new position.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2003 @ 6:30 p.m.
New Providence Baptist Church
18221 Plymouth
Detroit, MI 48228

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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